

control information used when the changing operation is not performed.

According to the twentieth invention, the information signal is recorded which is added with the change copy control information and the normal copy control information. Thus, it is possible to change the contents of the subsequent copying restriction according to the presence or absence of a change in quality and so on when the information signal is demodulated or recorded, thereby effectively protecting the copyright of the information signal.

Another preferred embodiment of the twentieth invention is characterized in that the information signal further added with change information indicating whether quality of an information signal is changed or not.

According to the embodiment, the information signal is further added with change information. Thus, during the reproduction of the recording medium, it is decided whether the quality is changed or not according to the change information. When the quality is changed, it is possible to set copy control information included in the reproduced information signal at a value used when

quality of the information signal is performed and normal copy control information used when the changing operation is not performed.

30 (Currently amended).      The recording medium according to claim 29, the information signal further added with change information

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